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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA, US (PRINCE ABDALLAH BIN ABD AL AZIZ AL SAUD)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCE ABDALLAH TO THE UNITED STATES

REF PM SANG MSG 181000Z MAY 76 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SANG PMO THAT HRH PRINCE ABDALLAH HAS MADE SEVERAL EXPLICIT REQUESTS CONCERNING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, 6-23 JULY 76. IN VIEW OF PRINCE ABDULLAH'S IMPORTANCE AND HIS STATUS IN THE KINGDOM, WE FEEL THAT TWO OF THESE REQUESTS DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRINCE ABDULLAH HAS ACQUIESCED IN THE ARRANGEMENT THAT SECDEF MEET HIM AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PENTAGON. THE HONORS PAID PRINCE ABDULLAH SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIS RANK AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT TELEVISION AND NEWS COVERAGE BE AS EXTENSIVE AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT HE WISHES A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS THE PRESENTATION OF A GIFT ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL. WE REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANING THIS MEETING, AS HE CONSIDERS IT A VITAL ASPECT
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OF HIS VISIT AND HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT HAVING SUCH A MEETING

COULD AFFECT THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT.
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